

## Highlights

from the November 26, 2018 Board Meeting

### Father Fénélon Catholic School Choir



Thank you to the student choir and piano accompanist from Father Fénélon Catholic School for opening the November 26, 2018 Board Meeting with their vibrant talent singing O Canada followed by a harmonic performance to celebrate the Durham Catholic District School Board's (DCDSB) Year of Joy.

### BRAVO Award



Congratulations to Communications staff on advancing communications for the Durham Catholic District School Board. The team recently received a BRAVO Award of Excellence for demonstrating success in the branding of the new Regional Arts and Media Program in collaboration with the implementation team. Awarded by the Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE), this national recognition highlights the strategic communications skills that are involved in the launch of a new board-wide initiative.

### Regional Arts and Media Program



The Regional Arts and Media Program (AMP) staff and students presented an update on the initiative which opened in September 2018 at All Saints Catholic Secondary School.

Over 300 students are enrolled in the program currently operating for students in Grades 7 to 9 with focused streams in dance, drama, instrumental music, vocal music, visual arts and media arts. A series of summer clinics were organized and facilitated by program staff to inform a total of 294 interested students on what to expect in the [application and audition process](#).



Students Olivia (Grade 9) and Corinne (Grade 7) spoke about their positive experiences in the program and on the seamless transition from their home school to All Saints CSS. Student Trustee Sofia Zamorano commented on the positive impact the program has had on the school culture. [Watch a video](#) of the AMP's World Ensemble performance.

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#### Emerging Technology



Ronald Rodriguez, Chief Information Officer, presented an update on how the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Department is implementing technology upgrades that support student achievement. Some of the highlights from 2017-2018 included:

- Upgrading state-of-the-art technology for all secondary school learning commons;
- Implementing new technology for the Regional Arts and Media Program;
- Completing ICT service for over 13,000 Help Desk Tickets;
- Implementation of School Messenger;
- Upgrading and strengthening network security.

#### Financial Update



Ryan Putnam, Chief Financial Officer and Superintendent of Business presented the 2017-2018 audited financial statements. Financial results for the year are consistent with the second quarter mid-year forecast and leave the board in a financial position to meet its current and future budget commitments. Areas of focus moving into 2019 include:

- 2018-2019 Revised Estimates
- Annual CFO Financial Overview
- Annual Audit Committee Activity Report

#### St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Education Centre



A recommendation to name the Catholic Education Centre in Oshawa the “St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Education Centre” was approved by the Board of Trustees. The name was brought forward by members of the DCDSB 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Education Centre is a name that coincides with the board’s unique history as a Catholic institution, the board’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Year of Joy, Renewing the Promise and commitment to Catholic education.

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#### Year-End Report from Tricia Chapman, Chair of the Board



Chair Chapman expressed her sincere gratitude to the Board of Trustees for their continued advocacy in sharing a common purpose of keeping the Catholic school system alive – and making it a hub for students and families in Durham Catholic communities. The Chair thanked the Board of Trustees, staff, administrators, Catholic education leaders, fellow trustees, student trustees, ratepayers, partners and members of the religious communities, for their dedication DCDSB's unique school system.

"This past year as Chair has opened my eyes to a new view of leadership; and from that viewpoint I have witnessed the joy, light and energy of our schools first-hand; along with the commitment that runs deep throughout our system," she said. The Chair noted unprecedented progress, collaboration and innovation in the areas of Faith, Teaching and Learning, Expanding Pathways, Celebrating Inclusion, Serving in Partnership, Emerging Technology, Managing Resources, Inspiring Leadership, Continuing Education, and Advancing Communications.

Chair Chapman noted that September 2018 marked the official opening of the new Grade 7 to 12 Regional Arts & Media Program at All Saints Catholic Secondary School. Bringing a new element of opportunity, innovation and creativity to students across the board while maintaining the integrity of the existing Grade 9 to 12 program, she is excited to see the continued momentum of the program unfold. The Chair invited trustees to attend the official opening of the program on December 19. Chair Chapman highlighted other initiatives that have emerged from the board's Long-Term Accommodation Plan, noting many areas of expansion, including:

- New learning commons that continue to be renovated – ensuring equity and providing access to a variety of tools that promote success;
- Expansion of child care and family programs;
- New community hubs and increase in Community Use of Schools;
- A continued focus on excellence in academic programming and pathways planning;
- An ongoing commitment to Catholic charities through the Year of Service;
- Celebration of the Year of Joy across the board in 2018-2019;
- Participation in the board's Indigenous Advisory Circle;
- Together for Hope and Together for All documents, promoting equity and inclusion.

"All of these initiatives would not be possible without the commitment of those who make it all happen. The success of our students relies on each and every one of you for the important role you play here at the Durham Catholic District School Board," the Chair said.

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#### Update from Anne O'Brien, Director of Education



Director O'Brien expressed her gratitude for the Board of Trustees upon the completion of their term. She also acknowledged the commitment and dedication of Tricia Chapman, Board Chair; and Monique Forster, Vice-Chair, for 2018. "On behalf of the Senior Administrative Council and staff, thank you Chair Chapman and Vice-Chair Forster for your leadership this year, sharing your voice with your genuine passion and appreciation for our Catholic education system," she said. The Director also recognized Theresa Corless, Trustee for the City of Oshawa, for her ongoing support, passion and commitment over the past eight years as she completed her final term.



Director O'Brien acknowledged all staff members involved in organizing Remembrance Day Masses and ceremonies across the board; and trustee participation in their municipalities. She also thanked staff for their participation in many other successful events this month, including:

- Treaties Recognition Week, honouring the importance of treaties and helping Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and relationships;
- Bullying Prevention and Intervention Week, connecting to the theme of Living as Joyful Disciples to Promote a Positive School Community;
- Pathways to Success – for students with exceptional needs as they complete secondary school;
- 50<sup>th</sup> Day of School, in acknowledgement of the board's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary within DCDSB school communities;
- Year of Joy All Staff PA Day, celebrating Mass with His Excellency, Our Most Reverend Bishop Bergie and presentations by the Bishop and Michael Pautler, Executive Director of the Institute for Catholic Education;
- An information session for interested families for the Regional Arts and Media Program at All Saints CSS.

The Director announced that the Inaugural Board Meeting will take place at the Catholic Education Centre on Monday, December 3, at which time the recently elected and re-elected trustees will be sworn in by oath.

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#### Motions

- That the Durham Catholic District School Board accept the recommendation to rename the Catholic Education Centre, to the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Education Centre.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file the 2017-2018 Audited Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2018.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the 2017-2018 Audited Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2018.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board accepts as information the verbal presentation and written update titled Regional Arts and Media Program Update dated November 26, 2018.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receives as information the French Immersion and Extended French Programs Report dated November 26, 2018.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the report entitled French Study Committee Update dated November 26, 2018.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the report for the Emerging Technology Update.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board approve the Revised Schedule of Board and Committee Meetings for the 2018-2019 school year.
- That the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information correspondence from ShareLife dated September 17, 2018.

#### Announcements

Monique Forster, Vice-Chair of the Board, made the following announcements:

#### Appointment of Acting Supervisory Officer

Effective November 26

Name	Current Position	New Placement
Jim Wilson	Secondary Principal Continuing Education	Acting Supervisory Officer

#### Appointment of Acting Secondary Principal

Effective November 27

Name	Current Placement	New Placement
Christopher Gardner	Secondary Vice-Principal Msgr. John Pereyma CSS	Father Don MacLellan CSS/ Alt. and International Education



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#### of Secondary Vice-Principal

Effective January 7, 2019

<b>Name</b>	<b>Current Placement</b>	<b>New Placement</b>
Roger Maxwell Travis	All Saints CSS	Msgr. John Pereyma CSS

#### Appointment of Interim Elementary Vice-Principal

Effective November 27, 2018

<b>Name</b>	<b>Current Placement</b>	<b>New Placement</b>
Jennifer Principe	Program Support Teacher St. Andre Bessette CS	Interim Elementary Vice-Principal, St. Wilfrid CS

#### Retirements

<b>Name</b>	<b>Current Placement</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Mark Lacy	Principal, Father Don MacLellan CSS	November 16, 2018
Marci A. MacDonald	Teacher	December 31, 2018

**Minutes of the November 2018 Board Meeting will be posted on the Board website as part of the agenda for the next Regular Board Meeting of Monday, December 17, 2018.**